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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GOES SECURITY ASSISTANCE RENUNCIATION

REF: (A) STATE 135453, (B) COMUSMILGP 132137Z JUN 77

(C) COMUSMILGP 132138Z JUNE 77, (D) SAN SALVADOR 2345,
(3) SECDEF 280008Z MAY 77, (F) SAN SALVADOR 1531, (G) MILGP 141837Z
APRIL 77

1. REF (B) AND (C) TRANSMITTED, WITHOUT MY CONCURRENCE FOR
DECISION AT WASHINGTON LEVEL, SALVADORAN REQUESTS FOR
FY 75 CREDIT MONIES IN AMOUNT \$145,000 FOR PROCUREMENT
30 PICK-UP TRUCKS AND \$290,030 FOR 16 AIRCRAFT ENGINES. REF
(D) PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED REQUEST ON PICK-UP TRUCK PROCURE-
MENT AND REF (E) WAS DEFENSE COMMENT SENT TO MILGP
COMMANDER FORESEEING NO OBJECTION TO SALE UNDER FY 75 FMS.
REF (A) FROM STATE, WHICH APPEARS TO CONFLICT WITH DEFENSE'S
MESSAGE, CROSSED REFERENCES (B) AND (C).
2. MILGP COMMANDER STATES BOTH REQUESTS (REF B AND C) WERE
MADE IN "FORMAL WRITTEN FORMAT" FROM MINISTER OF DEFENSE
TO HIM. I UNDERSTAND "FORMAL WRITTEN FORMAT", HOWEVER, TO MEAN
GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT, THAT IS, FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY
TO EMBASSY. I WOULD APPRECIATE DEPTMENT'S CONFIRMATION SOONEST
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IN MESSAGE REPEATED TO CINCSO, SECDEF, AND JCS,
THAT THE LATTER IS WHAT WAS MEANT. PART OF PROBLEM HERE IS
THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY AND SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, BOTH PURPORTEDLY SPEAK-

ING FOR GOVERNMENT AND PRESIDENT, HAVE BEEN GIVING CONFLICTING
SIGNALS.

3. I BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES,

COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVING REQUESTS FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE
BE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY TO EMBASSY AND VICE VERSA.
WITH DEPARTMENT CONFIRMATION OF ITS INTENT REGARDING "FORMAL
WRITTEN FORMAT" I WILL SO NOTIFY FOREIGN MINISTRY IN WRITING IN
ACCORDANCE INSTRUCTIONS REF (A).
I WOULD ASK IN THE NOTE THAT CURRENT AND FUTURE REQUESTS
FOR PRE-FY 78. MILITARY ASSISTANCE BE IN "FORMAL WRITTEN FORMAT"
FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, BUT WOULD NOT ASK FOR
A "FORMAL WRITTEN CLARIFICATION" OF GOES INTENT (PAR 1, REF A)
SINCE THIS WAS DONE BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF
MARCH 28 AND MARCH 29 REPORTED BY REF (F). I WOULD PROPOSE
TO BRING UP ORALLY, AS A CASE IN POINT, THE APPARENT
DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE STATEMENT CLARIFYING INTENTIONS IN
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE AND THE "CLARIFICATION" THE MILGP
COMMANDER RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE ON 13 APRIL 1977
(SEE REF G).
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